

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary
Notice of Public Hearing**

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**COUNCILMEMBER PHIL MENDELSON, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE JUDICIARY ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC
HEARING**

on

Bill 17-50, "ARBITRATION AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2007"

on

**Friday, March 23, 2007
12:00 p.m., 5th Floor Chamber, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary, announces a public hearing on Bill 17-50, the "Arbitration Amendments Act of 2007." The public hearing will be held at 12:00 p.m., on Friday, March 23, 2007, in the 5th Floor Chamber of the John A. Wilson Building.

The stated purpose of Bill 17-50 is to enact the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act and to allow the court to decide whether an agreement to arbitrate is invalid; to provide for the regulation of arbitration service providers; and to require that a party drafting a consumer arbitration agreement disclose the costs associated with the arbitration.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony from the public and government officials on this bill. Copies of the bill may be obtained from the Council's Legislative Services Division at 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 10, Washington, DC 20004, 202-724-8050.

Those who wish to testify should contact Mr. Victor Bonett, Legislative Analyst, at (202) 724-4865, by fax at (202) 724-6664, or via e-mail at vbonett@dccouncil.us and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Wednesday, March 21, 2007. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on Wednesday, March 21st, the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to five minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to Mr. Bonett, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m., on Friday, April 6, 2007.